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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed December 4, 2000, applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

This application was originally filed on October 13, 1998 with forty-two claims, five of which were written in independent form. No claims have been allowed.

Claims 1-4, 6-17, and 19-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,790,674 to Houvener et al. (Houvener) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,053,774 to Schuermann et al. (Schuermann). The applicant respectfully disagrees.

The applicant respectfully submits the Examiner has failed to present any evidence of any teaching in the prior art that would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to make the substantial modifications to Houvener and Schuermann required to make a prima facie case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Furthermore, the Examiner's adaptation of the components of Houvener and Schuermann fails to achieve the elements of the recited claims. For example, the Examiner equates the point of verification terminal (1) of Houvener to the recited media player and the display means 6 of Houvener to the recited projection unit. The point of verification terminal 1 "comprises a